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SUBJECT: COMMUNIQUE RE LEONE-KISSINGER LUNCHEON MEETING

1. FOLLOWING IS UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION OF TEXT OF COMMUNIQUE CONCERNING LEONE-KISSINGER LUNCHEON MEETING RELEASED TODAY AT APPROXIMATELY 1900 HOURS BY OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENCY:
2. THE MEETING AT THE QUIRINALE BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC LEONE, PRIME MINISTER RUMOR, FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTER MORO AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT ON ONE SIDE AND U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER, ASSISTED BY HIGH-RANKING MEMBERS OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT--INCLUDING SONNENFELD AND HASTMANN-- ON THE OTHER, LED TO THE ACKNOWLEDGMENT THAT THE CONVERGENCE OF VIEWS OF BOTH SIDES REGARDING MAJOR INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS OF INTEREST TO THE TWO COUNTRIES, AS WELL AS ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ITALO-AMERICAN COOPERATION.
3. THESE POSITIVE RESULTS WERE STRESSED, AMONG OTHER THINGS, IN THE TOASTS THAT PRESIDENT LEONE AND SECRETARY KISSINGER EXCHANGED AT THE LUNCH OFFERED BY PRESIDENT LEONE AT THE QUIRINALE.
4. SUBSTANTIALLY, FROM THIS EXCHANGE OF VIEWS IT EMERGED THAT:
- THE U.S. SEES ITALY AS AN ESSENTIAL FACTOR OF STABILITY IN THE WHOLE EUROPEAN AND MEDITERRANEAN AREA AND IS WILLING TO CONTINUE TO LEND ITALY EVERY POSSIBLE SUPPORT IMPLEMENTING THE EFFORTS OF THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT;
- THE RECENT ATLANTIC DECLARATION IS AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN REAFFIRMING THE VITALITY OF THE ATLANTIC FAMILY OF NATIONS

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AND OF THE INSTRUMENTAL ROLE THAT THE ALLIANCE PLAYS FOR SECURITY AS WELL AS FOR DETENTE:

- THE NEED TO STRENGTHEN EUROPEAN COHESION IS FAVORABLY SEEN BY THE AMERICAN SIDE AND IS CONSIDERED NOT IN CONTRAST WITH BUT INDEED COMPLEMENTARY TO THE ATLANTIC COMMUNITY;
- MUCH INTEREST WAS DEVOTED TO THE ISSUE OF DETENTE AMONG STATES WITH DIFFERENT SOCIO-POLITICAL SYSTEMS AND THE RESULTS OF THE RECENT MOSCOW SUMMIT WERE JUDGED TO BE POSITIVE;
- THE BETTERMENT OF CONDITIONS IN THE MIDDLE EAST FOLLOWING THE ACTIVE AMERICAN INTERVENTION WAS NOTED WITH MUTUAL SATISFACTION AND THE VITAL INTEREST THAT ITALY HAS IN THE AREA WAS STRESSED;
- CONCERNING BILATERAL US-ITALY RELATIONS THE MUTUAL WILL TO FOSTER AN EVER-INCREASING DEVELOPMENT WAS EXPRESSED. THE ITALIAN SIDE UNDERLINED HOW EFFECTIVE AMERICAN SOLIDARITY HAS CONSTANTLY BEEN, FROM THE DAYS OF THE LIBERATION AND POST-WAR AID UP TO THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE U.S. HAS SHOWN FOR ITALY WITH REGARD TO ITS PRESENT ECONOMIC PLIGHT.

5. THE MEETING TOOK PLACE IN AN EXTREMELY FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE. ATTENDING WERE SENATOR SARAGAT, PRIME MINISTER RUMOR, FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTER MORO, HON. FANFANI, MINISTER OF DEFENSE ANDREOTTI, MINISTER OF THE TREASURY COLOMBO, HON. LANALFA, MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE MATTEOTTI, MINISTER OF THE BUDGET GIOIETTI AND HON. RUSSO.

6. IN THE SPEECH DELIVERED AT THE END OF THE LUNCH, PRESIDENT LEONE PARTICULARLY OWELLED ON THE VARIOUS STAGES OF THE UNTIRING EFFORTS MADE BY AMERICAN SECRETARY OF STATE IN THE SEARCH FOR PEACE, NOTING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, PROGRESS OF DETENTE BETWEEN THE TWO SUPERPOWERS AND RECALLING PRESIDENT NIXON'S STATEMENT ABOUT "THE IRREVERSIBLE NATURE OF THE JOURNEY ON THE ROAD TO PEACE"---"A ROAD". PRESIDENT LEONE SAID, "THAT WE WANT TO PURSUE WITH A COMMITMENT EQUAL TO OUR STRENGTH AND TO OUR INTERNATIONAL WEIGHT, BUT ALSO WITH A GREAT AWARENESS."

7. SPEAKING OF THE RECENT ATLANTIC DECLARATION, LEONE DESCRIBED THE ALLIANCE AS "A TURN FOR PEACE AND A STIMULATING FORCE FOR BOTH EUROPEAN AND WORLD BALANCE."

8. PRESIDENT LEONE ALSO STRESSED "THE COMMONITY OF IDEALS, THE SHARED CONCEPT OF DEMOCRACY AND FREEDOM AND THE AFFINITY OF SPIRITUAL VALUE EXISTING BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES" AND EXPRESSED TO SECRETARY OF STATE HIS APPRECIATION FOR WHAT THE AMERICANS HAVE DONE, "AND CERTAINLY WILL CONTINUE TO DO," HE ADDED, "SO THAT ITALY MAY GET OUT OF ITS PRESENT DIFFICULT MOMENT."

9. THE SECRETARY OF STATE, ON HIS PART, STATED "HE FULLY

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DEVELOPMENTS IN ITALY WITH SYMPATHY AND FRIENDSHIP. YOU CAN BE SURE THAT WHENEVER ITALY WILL HAVE TO FACE SOME DIFFICULTY, WE WILL DO WHAT IS POSSIBLE TO ENSURE ITS STABILITY AND PROGRESS."

10. KISSINGER THEN UNDERLINED THAT HE MUST ALL LOOK TO THAT "WESTERN UNITY" TO WHICH ITALIAN LEADERS IN THE POST-WAR PERIOD PROVIDED SUCH A MAJOR CONTRIBUTION.

11. KISSINGER WENT ON TO NOTE THAT THE PRESENT PERIOD IS FOR FOREIGN POLICY EVEN MORE COMPLEX THAN THE POST-WAR ONE, AND STATED THAT "FOR THE PEACE OF THE WESTERN WORLD IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THE UNITED STATES CAN PROVE TO ITSELF AND TO THE WORLD AT LARGE THAT HE HAVE MADE EVERY POSSIBLE EFFORT IN ORDER TO BRING ABOUT INTERNATIONAL DETENTE."

12. FINALLY THE SECRETARY OF STATE EXPRESSED HIS COUNTRY'S FULL APPRECIATION AND SATISFACTION FOR THE INTEREST THAT ITALY SHOWED IN THE MIDDLE EAST CRISIS AND THE EFFORTS MADE TOWARDS ITS SOLUTIONS AS WELL AS FOR THE ROLE THAT ITALY PLAYS IN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY, WHICH, HE SAID, "THE U.S. SUPPORTS AS AN ESSENTIAL ELEMENT IN THE RELATIONSHIP AMONG THE ATLANTIC TREATY NATIONS."

13. KISSINGER CONCLUDED BY PRAISING WARMLY THE FRATERNAL RELATIONS BETWEEN ITALY AND THE U.S.

14. EDWARD LEONE AND KISSINGER REFERRED DURING THEIR MEETING TO THE FORTHCOMING OFFICIAL VISIT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE ITALIAN REPUBLIC TO THE UNITED STATES, WHICH WILL UNDERLINE THE EXCELLENT STATE OF THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. KISSINGER

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